THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c)and (d) The Report of the Working Group which was appointed by the Planning Commission has been submitted to the Planning Commission and will be taken into account while formulating the Tenth Plan Document.

Shortage of Linemen in Mainpuri District

†2637. SHRI D.P. YADAV:
SHRI VIJAY SINGH YADAV:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is shortage of official linemen in Mainpuri district;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the general public have to suffer as a result of the shortage of linemen to mend the telephones;

(d) whether Government are considering to depute more linemen in the district; and

(e) the other steps Government have taken to resolve the problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) Due to restructuring scheme, the cadre of Linemen has been converted into Telecom Mechanics cadre. There is shortage of Telecom Mechanics in Mainpuri SSA.

(b) The sanctioned and the working strength of Telecom Mechanics in Mainpuri SSA is as under:

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Sanctioned Strength - 105
Working Strength - 62

(c) No, Sir. The Telecom service in Mainpuri is generally satisfactory.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) Efforts are being made to bring more Telecom Mechanics from other Telecom Districts to Mainpuri by calling for options.

Waiting list for telephone connections in Tamil Nadu

2638. SHRIMATI S. G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of waiting list for telephone connections in Sivaganga district of Tamil Nadu;

(b) by when such waiting list would be cleared;

(c) whether any new exchanges are proposed to be opened in Sivaganga district;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI TAP AN SIKDAR): (a) and (b) The waiting list for telephone connections in Sivaganga District of Tamil Nadu as on 31.03.2002 is 1699. As these are in non-feasible areas, these are planned to be provided through Wireless in Local Loop (WLL) technology by 31.03.2003.

(c) to (e) Yes, Sir. The following new exchanges are planned in Sivaganga District;

1. Mallakottal
2. Mitravayal
3. Peerkalaikadu
4. Pullthipatti